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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Jacqueline HUET-OLIVIER, et al.

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FOR: Implantable System for Anchoring Stitching Threads Inside a Bone Tunnel and a Kit Therefore

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

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- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 23-2185. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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